ours,
Tis the home of the poor and the lowly,
Where the cloud of misery ever lowers
And the sun of love shines coldly;
Where the lightly clad and the badly fed
Can see no brighter morrow,
Where misery meekly bows her head
Beside unpitied sorrow.

VISIONS AND MIRACLES.

SIGHT RESTORED.

RAISED FROM A DYING BED.

These wonderful and glorious miracles

anty, as visitors from other many twitnessed the heavenly favors, and the opulent, as well as numbers in the humbler walks of life, all bear testimony to the

like his own-and, after having been there

covered. But in connection with him, more wonderful mercies were still further exemplified. When he had been some time in Limerick after his return, his mother was laid on a dying bed, with no hope of restoration. He immediately returned to Knock to supplicate merciful intercession

FOR HIS DYING PARENT, and deep and heartfelt were his prayers, which were not in vain, for his parent was restored again to health. It was while

thus engaged in supplication for his mother that the Blessed Virgin appeared to numbers in the chapel, clad in robes of

white, with gold stars studding her mantle.

Amongst those in the thronged edifice
was a young clerical student, about to be

ordained for the priesthood, and who chanced to kneel next the young man;

A BEAUTIFUL STAR WAS SEEN

perfectly restored to the use of his side.

Numerous other instances could be enu

pleased Heaven to so greatly favor and bless, the fact stands plainly forward that

the humblest persons, and most out of the way, and seemingly the more desolate places have always been selected. In the

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Homes of the Poor. BY JUSTIN F. M'CARTY. There's a world not far from this world of ours, But we know not its path nor ways, For its pathways are strewn with thorns, no flowers,
And dark are its brightest days.
And dark are its brightest days.
And little few think of the want and woe,
And the misery reigning there
Where the lamp of hope ever burns low
And poverty taints the air.

alted sanctuary of Knock, which will still further prove to scoffers that the Almighty watched over the destinies of the Irish people as he has ever done, and to show to those whose only god is wealth that he will otherwise comfort our countrymen in their hour of sorrow and suffering.

A respectable native of Limerick who, having had relations with a religious community in another country, was obliged to return for the restoration of health to his own, visited Knock during the past week, and beheld a blind man, a native of Tipperary, recover his sight whilst mak-There's a world not far from this world of ours,
Where hunger's voice is crying,
Where the lanes are the gardens, the attics
the bowers,
Where the squalid poor are dying;
And little few think in their homes of ease,
With light and comfort around,
of the biting cold and the bitter breeze
And the horribly humid ground. Tipperary, recover his sight whilst making the rounds of the Stations of the Cross within the church. The afflicted man was led about by an assistant, from station to station, and at the eighth, whilst offering station, and at the eighth, whilst offering up the appropriate prayers, he appeared to be struck with sudden emotion, and he suddenly uttered an exclamation indicating that his vision was restored. He thew out his arms as if to reach objects be fore him, and seemed fascinated, remaining rooted to the spot, entranged as he There's a world not far from this world of fore him, and seemed fascinated, remaining rooted to the spot, entranced, as he afterwards stated, by the vision of the Blessed Virgin, whom he beheld encompassed with a halo. The man manifested the perfect restoration of his sight, dispensing with his guide and walking about like other persons as if he had never been suffering from blindness. A woman who had lost the use of one of her lower limbs, whilst beseeching relief through the intercession of the Blessed Lady, and making the devotions of the station of the Cross, felt

LIFE RETURNING TO THE PALSIED LIMB, an artificial support to which it was con-There's a world not far from this world of ours,
"Tis the home of the buried dead,
Where the wealthy stript of all borrowed Where the weathly support the state of the lowers with the lowly lay their head;
Where the poor and proud sleep side by side To wait the judgment call,
And misery dwells with pomp and pride,
And mercy smiles on all.

an artificial support to which it was conan artificial support to which it was con-nected falling away and enabling her to plant her foot on the ground and walk with a little difficulty. This she was con-vinced would cease after a few other visits to the sanctified scene of mercy and

The Limerick man himself went with The Limerick man himself went with crutches to Knock, disabled by rheumatism, and entered his house on his return carrying only a hand stick, and evidently renovated in bodily constitution, his face bearing a complexion, and his manner manifesting the freshness of health. The commercial representative of an enterprise These wonderful and glorious miracles which are vouchsafed to the faithful who flock in myriads to the holy shrine at Knoch, and which are fraught with such blessings to hundreds, are at length beginning to be accepted by those who do not believe in the manifestation of heavenly beings in this world, or only when the fact can no longer be doubted. The cures miraculously witnessed, and the parties who are the happy recipients of these blessings, are swelling to thousands. They are confined to no class of nationality, as visitors from other lands have witnessed the heavenly favors, and the manuesting the freshness of health. The commercial representative of an enterpris-ing and successful Limerick trader, some time after the divine apparition first be-come manifest, saw a disabled man re-cover the power of one of his limbs with-in the church and was a prince to his come manifest, saw a disabled man recover the power of one of his limbs within the church, and was a witness to his restoration, from the moment he felt a creeping sensation proceeding through the withered member, portion of which lost flesh and shrunk to the bone, until it acquired the healthy proportions of its fellow member and the man would walk of throughout Christendom for their restoration, from the moment he felt a creeping sensation proceeding through the withered member, portion of which lost flesh and shrunk to the bone, until it acquired the healthy proportions of its fellow member and the man would walk pedibus swis. Numbers of English and other Protestants of both sexes are amongst the pilgrims, and they perform the same acts and breathe the same prayers, if they do not entertain the same impliet faith as the Catholic thousands bler walks of life, all bear testimony to the one fact—they have been cured, they have seen the heavenly visions. The latest miraculous cures in connection with this city are as wonderful as those which have been recorded in your pages some short time since. A religious young resident, whose sight was almost gone, and who had expended a large sum of money in London and elsewhere in the vain effort to effect a cure, at last repaired to Knock—after hearing of the wonderful cures in cases like his own—and, after having been there prayers, if they do not entertain the same implict faith as the Catholic thousands whose discarded crutches and other contrivances of aid to decrepitude are increasing enormously.—Munster News. like his own—and, after having been there for some time, performing the required devotions with implicit faith that if it were the will of heaven he would be cured, what were his joy to find his sight gradually restored, and after a short time longer, fully re-covered. But in connection with him, more wonderful mercies were still further

CURES ATTRIBUTED TO THE CEMENT OF The following letter from Montreal has been sent to the Tuam News for insertion:

MONTREAL, March 28, 1880.

DEAREST COUSIN KATE: A few weeks

ago I was the happy recipient of your very welcome letter, which contained the very precious relic from "Knock Chapel." Believe me, words are inadequate to express my thanks, and the more I think of your kindly act the more I feel that I will press my thanks, and the more I feel that I will forever remain under great obligation to you. Though Mr. P. J. M —— had already favored us by sending some of the "cement," still yours also I received with great delight and put both together. Numbers that have since heard of it have come to obtain a small portion of it, and rest assured we give it very sparingly. If I should hear of any cures being effected by it I will let your know. Now for the good news. Re.dly I feel hurried until you know all, as I think you too feel .nxious. Pa is ever so much better; you may imagine how well when he has been going out every day during the past three weeks. Notwithstanding the disagreeableness of rainy and snowy weather, chanced to kneel next the young man; and also an American suffering from paralysis of the right side. The student asked him "If he saw anything;" he replied "No," and then the young student told him to pray. After a short time elapsed he again addressed him in the same words, but received the same answer, and easily the same command, was given greeableness of rainy and snowy weather, same words, but received the and again the same command was given to pray. The young student asked him again the third time and received the sorgain the third time and received the sorgain the same and received the same and received the sorgain the same and received the s again the third time and received the sot-rowful answer, "I do not," and then grief overwhelming him, he burst out with the exclamation, "O my God! am I then so great a sinner?" but the young student told him with a loud veice "to pray," and the whole congregation taking it up as if addressed to them, prayer resounced in a most audible and fervid manner through-out the church. Then, amidst a sudden silence.

to cross by the stained-glass window and gradually float till it rested near the banner lately presented by the Confraternity of Limerick, almost immediately the vision of the Blessed Virgin was seen.

This was the cause of a startling effect on the virgin for the American the startling for the American startling for the Startling for This was the cause of a starting effect on the rapt congregation, for the Ameri-can was suddenly seen to rise and attempt to rush through the congregation to where the Blessed Virgin rested near the banner, merated of the divine favor and mercy bestowed on those who visited Knock.

On recalling to memory the various places throughout the world that it has placed Heaven.

places have always been selected. In the fourteenth century we find it recorded that the Blessed Virgin appeared to some poor shepherds while in the act of tending their flocks. Those humble people lived close to the Pyreness, at a place called Batharram. They were a class of peasantry who were always remarkable for their honest devotion, and the result of the vision of the Blessed Virgin was that a church was afterwards erected there and a pilgrimage established, and though it passed some very severe trials it stands to the present time a monument of that most represent time a monument of that most remarkable and blessed period. Again, we find that the Blessed Virgin appeared at the French side of the Pyrenees, to a person of most humble position in life, and later still at Lourdes,

TO HUMBLE AND INNOCENT CHILDREN; and now, glory to God on high! poor Ireland is made the honored repository wherein shall dwell the humble but ex-

PASTORAL LETTER

HE BISHOP OF OSSORY, TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE, FOR THE MONTH OF

VERY REV. AND REVEREND BRETHREN, Very Rev. and Reverend Brethren,
During the approching month of May
you will be pleased to exhort your faithful people to perform with carnestness
and fervor the usual devotions in honor
of the Immaculate Mother of God. In
the Parochial Churches the devotions shall
be performed each day at a convenient
hour for the parishioners, and may consist
of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed
Virgin, a short instruction or some pious Virgin, a short instruction or some pious reflections on the Eternal Truths from Think vell on it, or other approved books. Some of the beautiful religious hymns, with which our school-children are now so some of the beautiful religious hymns, with which our school-children are now so familiar should be sung, and where it may be practicable Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament may be given on such days as the Parish-Priest or Parochial Administrator may approve. Each family should during this month have its little altar in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and those who are unable to assist at the parochial devotions should recite each day, with their families, the Litany of our Lady and the Rosary. No devotion has been found more fruitful in heavenly blessings to our people than the Holy Rosary. It has given them strength and courage in times of persecution and temptation; in sorrow and affletion it has brought light to their minds and consolation to their hearts. It is full of the sublimest instruction for all the faithful. It unfolds the chief mysteries of the Life of our Blessed Lyrd and headenester has a limest instruction for all the faithful. It unfolds the chief mysteries of the Life of our Blessed Lard, and leads us step by step to realize the greatness of the Redeemer's love for us. It merits for us the patronage, of the Holy Mother of God, and if it is given us to enjoy her all-powerful patronage our salvation is secure. As we hope to possess one day the heavenly kingdom, we must endeavor to be saints. Reciting to possess one day the heavenly kingdom, we must endeavor to be saints. Reciting the Rosary each day with due piety and recollection, we have a pledge and guarantee that we are walking in the paths of sanctity, and we may rest assured that Immaculate Mary will take us by the hand and lead us securely in these holy paths. She shall guard us from the assaults of the evil one, she shall protect us against temps

faith, the Saints of Ireland were renowned throughout Christendom for their tender piety and devotion to the Mother of God. Happily there has been handed down to us, in the old Celtie language, one of those beautiful prayers in which our Fathers gave expression to that piety, and which was in use throughout the Irish Church more than a thousand years ago. It is a Litany or series of invocations of the Blessed Virgin, and it is so sweet in its sentiments, and it so admirably compendiates her exalted privileges, and so fully sets forth the many titles of our confidence in her Patronage, that it may be

Mother of the golden effulgence, Honour of the sky, Harbinger of peace, Gate of Heaven, Golden Ark, Couch of charity and indulgence Shrine of the Divinity,

God beyond the Atlantic, were not unmindful of our Diocean wants. First and foremost among our benefactors, I must name the illustrious Bishop of Providence, who accompanied one of his remittances with the following note:

"A lady who is a convert to our holy faith writes to me in this way: 'I place in the Trust Fund, Providence, forty dollars, subject to your draft, the result of a little entertainment at my house. If

welfare of our people shound be more with anxiety for the future. But whilst no effort should be spared, and no human means should be left untried to improve the condition of our country, and to avert the recurrence of such calamities, we should not neglect the spiritual means which Heaven has

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faith, the Saints of Ireland were renowned throughout Christender piety and devotion to the Mother of God. I capply there has been handed down to us, in the old Celtic language, one of those beautiful prayers in which our manufacture in the properties of the Blessed Virgin, and it is so sweet that it is sentiments, and it so admirably one that piety, and which was in use throughout the Irish Church more than a thousand years ago It is a Litany or series of invocations of the Blessed Virgin, and it is so sweet than another to vour own heart, apply to its sentiments, and it so admirably one pendiates her exalted privileges, something that it may be worked the public devotions the little of the public devotion commanding, and his incomparate synthelivery as forcible and impressive. That his recovery may prove complete and permanent, and that he may be spared to the Church for many a long year to come, in the noble fulfilment of his important mission, will be the prayer and the aspiration, we feel assured, of the bulk of the readers

Appease for us the Judge by thy prayers and tify supplications. Allow us not, for nerry sales, to do for or remines. Allow the condemns, but take as the control of the supplication of the supplications. Allow the condemns of the supplications are the supplications of the supplications. Allow the supplications are supplied to the supplications and the supplications are supplied to the supplications and the supplications are supplied to the supplied of the supplied of the supplied to the supplied of petual vow, she consecrated net vagare to God; described the domestic persecutions to which she was subjected, her spiritual trials, her miraculous conversions, her public preaching among the rebellious people of Florence and neighboring cities, the grand success of her divinely directed mission, and her happy death. He referred in conclusion to the glorious title of Protectress of the Holy See, conferred upon her by the illustrious Pontiff Pius IX., alluded to the present eccupation of the Eternal City by hungry wretches and usurpers who cursed the hour that they had left Florence, and expressed his confident belief that the day would come—not, perhaps, in our generation—when, perhaps, another Catherine of Sienna would arise, bring back the Pope to his throne in the Vatican, and bring Rome to her knees.

sorts of bribes and unworthy dedges."
In spite of this, it does not succeed. It makes no proselytes, and uses the money given it by confiding spinsters to feed and clothe Mr. Roe, his companions, their sisters, their cousins, and their aunts, not to speak of their wives and children. In proof of this, Mr. Bellingham, of Bellingham Castle, who is about to stand for the representation of Louth in the room of Mr. A. M. Sullivan, has lately published a pamphlet in which he shows that, notwithstanding its energy and means, the society has only a few families on its souplist and these of the lowest and poorest

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